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According to a recent decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, new measures will be taken for the fall sowing and deep-plowing campaign, which last year was still subject to many shortcomings. The most serious of the shortcomings was the tardiness in conveying the plan to okoliya and local people's soviets and to individual farmers. Furthermore, no definite calendars were issued for the sowing of the various fall crops. In many areas, the sowing plans were established on a purely mechanical basis, without considering local conditions and the opinion of those interested. Cleaning and disinfecting of seed was frequently neglected and the material for repairing agricultural equipment was not delivered on time. Machine-tractor stations did not overhaul their equipment with the necessary care, and drills and other machines were not used to full capacity. Fuel and lubricants were not furnished on time. In many areas, the people's soviets failed to supervise the sowing campaign and left the work to the sowing committees, which did not work satisfactorily.

The decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party provides the measures to eliminate all the above shortcomings. The all-out supervision of fall sowing is entrusted to the Ministry of Agriculture. Organization and supervision throughout the okrugs, okoliyas, and particular localities will be handled by the corresponding people's soviets. The sowing committees are discontinued. The decree stipulates that the plan be conveyed to the local soviets not later than 25 August, and to the farmers not later than 1 September. The sowing plan of every village must be studied and discussed by the general village assembly, at district conferences, and in ten-men groups. Furthermore, measures are being taken for the correct preparation of sowing material, and the cleaning and disinfecting of seed. These operations must be 70 percent completed before 15 September in the highland areas, and 50 percent in the field areas. Before 25 August, the Ministry of Agriculture must announce the volume of the seed fund for fall cultivation and take all measures to provide Farm Workers' Cooperatives with graded seed, as well as establish the exchanges of ordinary for high-grade seed among private farmers, or between private farmers and the state. The people's soviets will be 25 August list all machinery in need of overhauling and make the necessary repairs. Machine-tractor stations will overhaul their equipment by 10 September and use it efficiently and to full capacity.

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Special attention is called to the fall deep-plowing campaign and to the early conclusion of contracts for industrial crops, such as strawberries, raspberries, roses, lavender, and others. Accurate sowing calendars will be established. Thus, every phase of fall sowing and plowing is regulated. An intensive educational campaign will further assure that all concerned strictly adhere to the provisions of the decree.

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